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## ASSIGNMENT

### WHEREAS, I/WE

LINDALL, CHARLES MARK, 23 Falcon Lane, Crooksbarrow, Norton, Stockton on Tees, Cleveland TS20 1LS, United Kingdom, RIDLAND, JOHN, 12 Oatlands Way, Durham, County Durham DH1 5GL, United Kingdom and SLACK, Neville, 2 Owington Grove, Billingham, Stockton on Tees, TS23 3LX, United Kingdom.

have invented and own a certain invention entitled

### ESTERIFICATION CATALYSTS

WHEREAS, I/we, as first (and joint) inventor(s) of the invention are executing an application for Letters Patent of the United States on the same date as the date appearing next to my/our signature(s) below; and

### WHEREAS, ACMA LIMITED

having its head office at The Heath, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 4QF, United Kingdom is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the inventions described in said specification, all applications filed or to be filed for Letters Patent therefor, and all Letters Patent granted or to be granted therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, me/we, by these presents, and intending to be legally bound, do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto the said ACMA Limited its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the inventions described in said specification and the application for United States Letters Patent therefor, all applications for Letters Patent therefor which I/we may subsequently file in countries foreign to the United States, and all original and reissued patents granted to me/us for said inventions, and all divisions and continuations of said applications, including the subject matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in every such patent, and the right, where such right can be legally exercised, in its own name to apply for and obtain patents therefor in countries foreign to the United States of America, including the full right to claim for any such application the benefits of the International Convention as fully and entirely as I/we could have done if the application had been filed in our name, the entire interest in any Letters Patent which may be granted on any such application in such foreign countries, of all said inventions, applications,

Letters Patents, and improvements or variations to be held and enjoyed by the said ACMA LIMITED its successors and assigns for their own use and behalf, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me/us had this sale, assignment and transfer not been made;

AND I/WE AGREE TO execute upon request and without further consideration any and all instruments and documents for the filing and prosecution of applications for Letters Patent, including original, divisional, continuing, and re-issue applications, for the inventions assigned hereunder and for the assignment of the entire right, title, and interest therein to ACMA LIMITED its successors and assigns;

AND I/WE DO HEREBY AUTHORISE AND REQUEST The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country, or countries, foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue any said Letters Patent to ACMA LIMITED its successors and assigns, as sole assignee.

Charles Lindall (Date) 7th November 2001  
LINDALL, CHARLES MARK

Witnesses: Shirley Harris (Date) 7th November 2001  
For Charles Mark Lindall  
Sue Jones (Date) 7th November 2001

John Ridland (Date) 2nd November 2001  
RIDLAND, JOHN

Witnesses: Shirley Harris (Date) 2/11/01  
For John Ridland  
Sue Jones (Date) 2/11/01

N Slack (Date) 6th November 2001  
SLACK, NEVILLE

Witnesses: Shirley Harris (Date) 6/11/01  
For Neville Slack  
Sue Jones (Date) 6/11/01